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SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm asking the body to support this motion to withdraw LB 167, which was a bill that I drafted to provide strict liability for damages caused by bison. After many discussions this summer and my experience on the Agriculture Committee, the question of the ability of bison and our cattle industry to coexist has created some questions, frankly, maybe some myths, maybe some accuracies, who knows. But I think that the issues that have been raised by some of my colleagues and some of the people that I have talked to in my travels and in my work on the Agriculture Committee has led me to believe that we do need to have this issue raised. But I believe that this issue is more properly raised before the Agriculture Committee. So, after this bill, which, needless to say, got a few people's attention, was referred to the Judiciary Committee, I drafted a second bill, which in our office we're referring it to "Bison II", is referred to the Agriculture Committee, which is the proper place to raise these issues which I want to raise. So there's no need, frankly, to have LB 167. We don't need it to go to the Judiciary Committee. And although I'm sure my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee would find the debate and the testimony quite edifying, it is more properly...these issues are more properly raised before the Agriculture Committee. So I would ask the body to please support this motion to withdraw LB 167.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to close. The motion before us is the motion to withdraw LB 167. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to withdraw 167.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. The motion to withdraw LB 167 is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 25, by Senator Suttle, found on page 324 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the